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SUBJECT:CONFERENCE ON DEFORESTATION OF TROPICAL FORESTS

REF: PANAMA 3565

1. SUBJECT CONFERENCE IS TITLED (QUOTE) U.S. STRATEGY
CONFERENCE ON TROPICAL DEFORESTATION (UNQUOTE), AND IS
JOINTLY SPONSORED BY STATE/OES AND AID. CORRECT DATES ARE
JUNE 12-14, 1978.

2. SCOPE INCLUDES BOTH HUMID TROPICAL FORESTS AND SUB-
HUMID REGIONS WHERE "FIREWOOD" PROBLEM IS MAJOR CONCERN.
OBJECTIVES ARE TO: EXAMINE NATURE OF PROBLEMS AND TRENDS
BASED ON LATEST EVIDENCE; ASSESS EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL
RESPONSE CAPABILITY AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL STATE-
OF-THE-ART; IDENTIFY FUTURE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES; AND
MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON USG STRATEGIES AND PRO-
GRAMS WHICH SHOULD BE PURSUED DOMESTICALLY, BILATERALLY
AND MULTILATERALLY.

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3. PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY 70 U.S. AD-
MINISTRATORS, MANAGERS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM GOVERN-
MENT, ACADEMIA, INDUSTRY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY.
REPRESENTATIVES OF FAO, UNDP AND UNEP ALSO EXPECTED. IN-
VITEES INCLUDE IRA RUBINOFF, SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH

CENTER; FRANK WADSWORTH, USDA INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL

FORESTRY, PUERTO RICO; ROBERT GOODLAND, IBRD; FRANK GOLLEY, U. OF GEORGIA; HERBERT BORMANN, YALE; GILLIAN PRANCE, NY BOTANICAL GARDENS; AND PETER RAVEN, MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS.

4. CONFERENCE SHOULD HAVE PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO FOREST PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT IN PANAMA, (ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO PLANS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THIS). EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT DEPARTMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON PANAMA CANAL TREATIES IDENTIFIED PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF FORESTS AS KEY POTENTIAL PROBLEM AND PRIORITY FOR TREATY IMPLEMENTATION. ALSO, AID IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING PROJECT DESIGN REPORT ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROJECT WHICH PLACES PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS ON TROPICAL FORESTRY MANAGEMENT.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH COPIES OF CONFERENCE REPORT AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTATION WE JUDGE TO BE OF POSSIBLE INTEREST. CHRISTOPHER

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